(घ) उन व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है जिन्होंने गलत तरीके से इन ऋणों के वितरण के लिए गारन्टी दी थी ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में आर्थिक कार्य विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडवर्ड फेलेरियो) : (क) बिजया बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि उसने 2-8-1987 को मोती नगर, दिल्ली में एक ऋण मेले का आयोजन किया था और इस मेले में 56.32 लाख रुपए की राशि वितरित की गई ।

(ख) से (घ) विजया बैंक ने आगे सूचित किया है कि उन्हें एक शिकायत मिली थी जिसमें आरोप लगाया गया है कि वास्तविक आदाताओं की जगह भुगतान आदेशों का भुगतान अन्य व्यक्तियों को किया गया । मामले की जांच की गई और पाया गया कि सभी भुगतान आदेशों पर आदाता खाते रेखांकित या सामान्य रूप से रेखांकित किए गए थे ।

Revision of guidelines issued for the construction of tourist resorts

1627. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reversing their earlier guidelines, Government have permitted to construct tourist resorts on the various beaches in the country despite protests by certain State Governments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the reasons for reversing the earlier policy in this regard; and

(c) what measures are contemplated by Government to protect the traditional rights of the local population to the coastal ecosystem and the socio-economic structure of the local places besides checking the growing environmental pollution?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, relaxing the restriction of construction within 500 meters of high tide line, construction of tourist resorts have been allowed, with certain safeguards beyond 200 meters of high tide line in four places, viz., Goa, Trivandrum, Mahabalipuram and Puri-Konark area.

(c) The State Governments have been advised to prepare present status reports and formulate environmental management plans for conservation and sustainable use of coastal ecosystems. Traditional rights of the local people and socio-economic structure are among the parameters for formulating environmental management plans.

Pollution caused by the conversion of beaches into Junkyards and cremation grounds

1628. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the gradual conversion of the beaches in the country particularly Bombay beaches into junkyards and cremation grounds making them highly polluted causing serious health hazards:

(b) whether Government have made any study of the problem: and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the steps taken and proposed to be taken by Government to check the beaches in the country which attract national and international tourists from turning into dumping grounds for city's effluents and garbage making them highly polluted?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R.

ANSARI): (a) The Government have not received any such report.

(b) and (c) An expert group was appointed to study the environmental problems in beaches and to recommend necessary safeguards. On the basis of their report, the Government have issued environmental guidelines for development of beaches so as to protect the aesthetic, ecological and cultural values of the beaches.

Cases of torture in police custody in Delhi

1629. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Indian Express of the 7th October, 1988 highlighting the cases of torture during detention in police custody in Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the inquiry, if any, made by Government into the incidents of torture mentioned in the report and what action has been taken against the persons found responsible therefor; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government so far to put an end to the use of third degree methods during the course of investigations and the manner in which Government propose to reform the police personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Facts brought out in the enquiry warrant disciplinary action against the erring police officials. Show-cause notices for censure have been issued to three Sub-Inspectors and one Assistant Sub-Inspector.

(c) Investigating officers are briefed by senior officers from time to time during investigation and encouraged to adopt modern scientific methods such as lie detectors, use of dog squads etc. Standing instructions against the use of 'third degree method' have also been issued by the Commissioner of Police.

New Forest Policy

1630. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have recently drafted a new Forest Policy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the drafted policy was circulated to the State Governments for comments and

(c) if so, what is State Governments' reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Comments were received from some States. These States had endorsed the broad approach and due note has been taken of the individual suggestions made by them.

Citizenship certificates in Assam

1631. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the foreign nationals even after their detection and subsequent verdict by Tribunal Courts against them, challenge the verdict of the courts by procuring the certificates from West Bengal or from Tripura at a later date; and

(b) if so, what steps the Central Government propose to take in the matter?